

## SOUND LINER HITS A LAUNCH

**FIVE MEN SPILLED FROM  
BROKEN DECK, BUT SAVED.**

**The Priscilla Sheered Off Just in Time to Avoid Sinking Cornell Medical Student's Boat the Balky Engine of Which Stopped When Most Needed.**

The big paddle wheel steamer *Priscilla* of the Fall River Line ran down a thirty foot launch last evening as the liner was nosing her way into the Sound and dumped the five occupants of the launch into the water. It looked for a minute as if the five men would go under the paddles of the steamer, but Capt. Rollins got word to the engine room just in time.

Young Knowles G. Biddle, who is the son of the Rev. A. C. Biddle of 424 Montgomery street, Jersey City, and a stu-

out yesterday afternoon in the launch with Policeman Weiss, who lives in Holmes street, The Bronx, thinking that he could make a sale. The policeman is looking for a boat like Biddle's and the clergyman's son wanted to sell.

Along with Weiss went his son Vincent and his cousin Fred. The engineer of the launch was John Riddle of 33 Ninth

until the engine began to miss. Presently when the party was midway between Clason's Point in The Bronx and College Point on Long Island the boat came to a standstill. There was no fix-

The Priscilla, making her night trip to Fall River, went through Hell Gate at about 7:30 o'clock and started on

toward the wide water at the entrance to the Sound. It was dark and there was no light on the drifting launch. Capt. Rollins didn't see anything until he was close upon her. On the instant that he made her out he signalled the engine room to reverse and did his best to steel the Priscilla's nose aside from the launch. He got far enough to miss a hard impact. But the side of the Priscilla caught the little boat, tore off her deckhouse

fell into the water, with the paddle wheel tearing up the water a few yards away. The men missed the suction and got free. On the shore were Neil Quinn, a boatman, and Edward Dilligan, an innkeeper. They got into the launch Elk and set out for the Priscilla. Capt. Rollins gave orders for the lowering of the steamer's boats, but the Elk got alongside in time to save him the trouble. The Priscilla stood by until Capt. Rollins saw the five men hauled aboard the other launch.

Dilligan and Quinn called an ambu-

decided that help could be got quicker by going to the Morrisania Yacht Club on South Brother Island. There the five men had a chance to get warmed up, but Riddle, the engineer, was feeling so badly that he was taken to Riverside Hospital on North Brother Island and put to bed. The doctor said that he was better than that.

put him to bed with the assurance that he would be all right in the morning.

The others, after they had warmed up, went home. The launch, with her deck house awry, was moored at the Clason's Point dock.

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**TAFT MAY SEE WORLD'S SERIES.**

President Invited to Attend Great Ball Games in Philadelphia.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 22.—That President Taft may attend the Philadelphia games of the world's championship series, the

oyful news received here to-day. The President says he is not sure whether business will keep him in Washington during the month of October, but he does say that if there is the least chance he will go to these games. He says he would rather sit out on the bleachers and yell with the fans there than to sit in a box in the grand stand because in the bleachers

The President got his invitation from chairman August Herrmann of the National Commission. At the dinner given to the President at the Businessmen's Club in Cincinnati he was seated next to Herrmann. Now it so happened that President Taft and Herrmann have been friends for ever so long. At this

"How would you like to come to join the world's championship series in Philadelphia?"

Then they got to discussing the advisability of the President going there, but

turns to Washington and learns how the  
and lies there.

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**FLAMES AT GRAND CENTRAL.**

**Workmen's Light Sets Off Gas and Then  
an Electric Light Pole.**

The flames of a gas flare used by la-  
borers working on the new Grand Cen-  
tral Station zipped downward at 9:30  
clock last night and set off a flash close  
to the entrance at Park avenue and

Above the gas flame was a web of electric light wires and cables running to the

to the flare light caught fire within few minutes after the first flash. The men had little trouble in dousing the fire on the tool house and pole, but until the gas was turned off it looked as if the wires and cables overhead would be destroyed.

Madison avenue trolley traffic was delayed for about ten minutes, but the railway trains were not bothered.